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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

AFTER routine business on the 3d the Senate resumed the Montana election case and after several Senators spoke the matter went over until Monday. The House bill to amend the census law providing for the enumeration of the Chinese population was taken up and after some debate went over. Adjourned until Saturday. In the House Mr. Lodge (Mass.) presented a petition from the New England Shoe and Leather Association against the imposition of a duty on hides. Several motions were disposed of and two bills passed amending the articles of war in regard to trial and punishment by courts martial. The Idaho Admission bill was again taken up and Mr. Perkins (Kan.) concluded his remarks in advocacy of it. After a long debate a vote was finally reached and there were 129 yeas to one nay, the Democrats withholding their votes. The Speaker counted a quorum present and the bill was declared as having passed. The Democrats announced that this would be made a test question as to the right of the Speaker to declare a quorum present. Adjourned.

The House on the 4th considered private pension bills that had come over from the previous Friday. Mr. Stone (Mo.) made a vigorous protest against extravagance in pension matters, and Messrs. Lane (Ill.), Chipman (Mich.), Dooliver (Iowa) and Flower (N. Y.) spoke as vigorously in favor of liberal pensions. The five pension bills under consideration then passed. The private calendar was then considered. In Committee of the Whole and an evening session held for the consideration of pension bills.

The Senate on the 5th passed a substitute for the Oklahoma Townsite bill recently passed by the House. A protest from the Methodist Episcopal Mission was presented against the bill for the deportation or imprisonment of Chinese found in this country without certificates. The bill authorizing the Secretary of War to place on file in the War Department the names of the officers and members of the Frontier Guards (under James H. Lane) mustered in 1861 and issue discharges to them was passed. Then after passing 113 private bills the Senate adjourned. The House passed the bill amending the articles of war in regard to the appointment of courts martial in time of peace. Also a bill increasing to eleven the membership of the board of managers of the National Military Home; also a bill giving preference to graduates of West Point in appointments from civil life to the army. After tributes to the memory of Representative Butler, of New York, the House adjourned.

The entire session of the Senate on the 7th was devoted to debate on the Montana election case, no final action being reached. When the House met Mr. Morrill (Kan.) moved to suspend the rules and pass (with a substitute) the Senate Dependent Pension bill. The substitute provides a service pension of \$6 per month to soldiers who have attained the age of 62 years or who are dependent. After a lengthy debate the motion to suspend the rules was lost by a vote of 119 yeas to 87 nays, not the necessary two-thirds. Among the bills passed was one for a public building at Salina, Kan., at a cost of \$75,000, and a bill for two additional land-offices in Nebraska. The Naval Appropriation bill was then considered until adjournment.

In the Senate on the 8th Mr. Morrill (Kan.) reported back the House bill to admit free duty articles intended for the St. Louis Exposition in 1899 that might be imported from Mexico. The bill was amended to read "and other American Republics and the Dominion of Canada," and the bill passed. After disposing of resolutions the Montana case was taken up and further debated but laid aside and the Anti-Trust bill taken up and passed as it came from the Judiciary Committee. The House passed several bills of minor importance, and a bill making an appropriation to cover the 81-cent defalcation passed. The Naval Appropriation bill was then considered in Committee of the Whole until adjournment.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The House Committee on the Judiciary has appointed a sub-committee to visit Southern States and make a thorough investigation of the alleged improper action of court officers in instituting prosecutions without reason and for the purpose of collecting fees.

The bill to give the widow of the late Major-General Kilpatrick \$100 per month has been favorably reported to the House.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs has favorably reported the McAdoo bill to prevent the enlistment of aliens in the navy.

The President has nominated Lewis A. Grant, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary of War; Brigadier-General Nelson A. Miles, to be Major-General; Colonel Benjamin H. Grierson, Tenth cavalry, to be Brigadier-General.

SENATOR STANFORD says that C. P. Huntington will be elected to succeed him as president of the Southern Pacific.

GREEN B. RAUM, Commissioner of Pensions, is out with a statement showing that his office has about caught up with its business.

The House Railways and Canals Committee has ordered a favorable report on the bill for the construction by the United States of a ship canal around Niagara Falls. It is to cost \$23,000,000 and be 20 1/2 feet deep.

The children of Washington had possession of the White House grounds on the 7th and indulged in the annual Easter-egg rolling. In the afternoon the Marine band played for the little ones.

The House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures has ordered a favorable report on a bill for the recognition of worn subsidiary coin.

W. W. WANDER died recently at Washington. He was a newspaper man and was private secretary of President Johnson.

THE EAST.

By the explosion of a boiler at an oil well near Smith's Ferry, Pa., Ford M. Dawson, a workman, was blown nearly a mile and instantly killed.

On the Hudson River railroad, near Garrison, N. Y., a freight train ran into a mass of fallen rock before the flagman had time to give warning. Three trainmen were hurt and the engine and twelve cars wrecked.

The defalcations of William S. Darling, in connection with the embarrassment of Plummer & Co., of New York, are said to amount to \$500,000. Darling has absconded.

The powder works at Chester, N. Y., blew up recently. Two men were killed and great damage was done to houses in the vicinity.

MUCH of Horace Greeley's correspondence, some of it invaluable, was destroyed by the recent fire at the home-stead at Chappaqua, N. Y.

A COURT martial has convened at Fort Porter, N. Y., for the trial of First Lieutenant S. Allen Dyer, Twenty-third infantry, on charges of incurring debts which his creditors have been unable to collect and of running away from an irate milk dealer who assaulted him on account of a debt.

THE Forest block, corner of Main and Austin streets, Worcester, Mass., has been wholly destroyed by fire. The loss was about \$70,000.

THE directors of the Equitable Bank, of New York, have decided to close its doors. One of the directors claims that of late the bank has been losing money. The deposits have dropped down to a figure where there is very little profit for the concern.

GEORGE K. SISTARE & SONS, of the New York Exchange, have failed. Liabilities, \$250,000.

CARPENTERS in Massachusetts have decided upon demanding an eight-hour day, commencing May 1.

THE carpenters and others of Lowell, Mass., are working under the eight hour system.

THE WEST.

Six men have been killed by explosions of oil gas in a tunnel being bored near Santa Paula, Cal.

THE liabilities of Jackson & Co., furniture dealers of Spokane Falls, Wash., are placed at \$90,000 and the assets at \$16,000.

FRANK DAVIS, a convict, escaped from the Minnesota State prison the other night by prying the bars of a hospital window apart and letting himself down. He stole the hospital steward's overcoat.

ACCORDING to the Illinois Board of Agriculture only one county's wheat prospect shows an improvement. Most of the counties show damage of about 50 per cent. The corn planting will be late.

SEVERAL cases of insanity have resulted from the preaching of a religious crank named Erickson at Oakland, Cal. He prophesies the destruction of San Francisco, Oakland, Chicago and Milwaukee by an earthquake.

MOSES FRALEY, the St. Louis grain bull operator, has failed again.

THE Sioux have accepted the vicious advice of Sitting Bull and will not take their lands in severalty, but will loaf and depend on the Government rations.

THIRTEEN horses were suffocated by a fire in Morse's livery stable, Chicago, the other morning.

THE lower house of the Iowa Legislature has passed a resolution against the passage of the Union Pacific Funding bill.

CHICAGO carpenters to the number of 7,000, struck on the 7th for 40 cents per hour.

THE election at Kansas City, Mo., on the 8th went in favor of the Democrats. A waterworks issue was involved and probably had something to do with the result.

THE tornado that visited Prophetstown, Ill., on the evening of the 7th was destructive of property, but not of life, as first reported, though several persons were injured.

ANOTHER fuss and deadlock exists between the State Live-Stock Board and the city health board at Chicago. Lumpy-jawed cattle are penned up under the seal of both boards.

THE Chippewas are again reported starving on the Court Oreilles reservation in Wisconsin.

THE most terrific windstorm for many years swept over Denver, Col., on the 8th. Many houses were wrecked and the walls of several buildings in the course of erection were blown down. No one was injured.

THE Bayliss Tramp bill has passed the Iowa Legislature. It will clear the State of tramps, so they say.

MUNICIPAL elections occurred in Ohio on the 7th. A light vote was polled, showing Democratic gains.

THE SOUTH.

A REQUEST has been made on Governor Gordon, of Georgia, for the appointment of a male whipping boss for the punishment of refractory female convicts in the camp near Atlanta.

A HEAVY wind storm destroyed two churches and other property at Arkansas City, Ark., recently—a double misfortune as the city was three feet under water.

THREE negroes stealing railroad iron at Irondale, Ala., were recently pursued by Town Marshal England and his deputy Fortenberry. The negroes shot England, probably fatally. Fortenberry then opened fire and killed the three negroes. Intense excitement was caused.

THE village of Harper's Ferry, Henry County, Ky., suffered greatly in the late tornado. A woman and a child were killed.

JUDGE HUGHES, of the United States Court at Richmond, Va., had declared the State Meat Inspection law unconstitutional.

CHOKEDNESS has been charged against certain members of the City Council of Little Rock, Ark.

GENERAL.

FINANCIAL affairs were reported good on the London Stock Exchange during the week ended April 5. A reduction of the bank rate of discount was expected. Prices were firm on the Continental bourses and the tone good. The Havana sugar market reported lower prices.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended April 5 showed an average decrease of 12.2 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York there was a decrease of 19.2.

The census shows that there are 30,229 Germans in Paris, and 35,718 in the department of the Seine. The Soir says it is time the Government stopped the invasion of Germans.

THE United States steamer Alliance was not allowed to enter the harbor of Malaga as she had no bill of health. She was admitted at Gibraltar, however, and there took on coal for China.

THE Alton railroad officials have been re-elected.

THERE has been an appeal made by High Church and Catholic priests to their respective congregations to boycott Mme. Sarah Bernhardt while in London as a punishment for what they consider her blasphemy in reading the part of the Virgin Mary.

A SPECIAL department of education has been established in Portugal. Among its duties will be the regulation of the right of public meeting.

NEWS from Honduras is that Major Burke is living there in clover. He is the defaulting ex-Treasurer of Louisiana.

THE Southern trip of the Pan-American delegates will begin April 18 and end May 10.

HENRY M. STANLEY left Cairo, Egypt, on the 7th for Brussels.

It was reported that General Boulanger would return to France.

THE lumbermen of Canada have united in a vigorous protest against the proposed increase of the duty on American pork.

DR. KNAPPE, the German Consul at Samoa, has been placed upon the retired list.

STRIKING workmen were turbulent at Vienna recently. They pillaged the Jews and set fire to a wine shop.

JUNES S. MORGAN, the well-known Anglo-American banker, died at Monte Carlo recently from injuries by being thrown out of his carriage. He was born at Holyoke, Mass.

BWANI-HERI and Ichasi, the insurgent leaders, and a remnant of their followers have surrendered to Major Wissman in East Africa.

RICHARD DAVIES, aged eighteen, was hanged recently at Crewe, England. In company with his younger brother he had murdered his father who had been in the habit of abusing his mother. The younger brother had his sentence commuted.

THE premium on gold in the Argentine Republic is 1.87 per cent.

STANLEY deprecates the presence of "buccaneering" sportsmen in Africa, who wantonly kill game so that they may bragishly display the trophies in England and America.

THE LATEST.

THE Canadian Cabinet has decided to extend the modus vivendi for the coming fishing season.

A RAILWAY train was thrown down an embankment at Frankfurt, Germany, recently and twenty-seven workmen injured.

THE Montana election case and the Chinese exclusion question were discussed in the Senate on the 9th. No definite action was taken. The Naval Appropriation bill was before the House.

COLONEL JOHN ARMAN, of Chicago, died recently at San Diego, Cal., of nervous prostration. He was seventy years old, a native of Plattsburg, N. Y., and in former years was the brightest ornament of the criminal bar of Cook County, Ill.

Much talk was created at Washington by Congressman Phelan, of Memphis, Tenn., sending a challenge to fight a duel to Colonel Fleming, of the Knoxville Sentinel, which challenge Fleming declined.

NEWARK, O., was visited by a destructive storm on the evening of the 8th. The umbrella factory of Sprague & French was blown down, killing one girl and injuring several others.

In view of the celebration of the approaching birthday of the Emperor of China, the execution of all persons condemned to death within the limits of the flowery kingdom has been postponed until after that happy event.

SIX warehouses in the Faubourg St. Honore, Paris, were burned to the ground recently. The Russian Church adjoining the warehouses was slightly damaged and five persons were injured.

PETER WEISHAUTE, aged thirty-three years, was found hanging from a tree at Leesdale, Pa., the other morning. Some time ago he joined the Economites and from that time has been despondent because, according to the laws of the society, he could not marry.

THE Irish mackerel fishermen are having great success this spring.

The Premiers of Germany, Austria and Italy are expected to meet soon in Austria.

THE bank of Fort Morgan, Col., has assigned with \$40,000 liabilities and \$20,000 assets.

A CYCLONE struck Roanoke, Va., on the 9th, and the blast house of the Crozier furnace was blown down, killing Fred Phillips, Nelson Johnson and Henry Casey. Six other men were injured.

FOUR men were hanged in as many cities of Pennsylvania on the 9th, three for murder on account of women and one for murder and robbery.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

PATENTS lately granted to Kansas inventors: John P. Anderson, Olesburg, snap hook; George McAllister, Sterling, wheat steaming and heating machine; Andrew Rowan, Buffalo, vehicle wheel; Albert C. Sims, Winona, weather strip; Heinrich Sommerfeld, Canton, car coupling.

THE other morning John Bobzine, and Ross Hawley, living seven and a half miles north of Coffeyville on adjoining farms, quarreled and fought, when Hawley struck Bobzine on the head with a fence rail, killing him instantly. Bobzine was an old settler, having located on his farm in 1899.

PROF. ROBERT HAY has been down the shaft and personally measured the first working vein of Alma coal at 460 feet and found it twenty inches in thickness. He says that they undoubtedly have semi-anthracite at the lower depth to which the shaft is being sunk.

THE Governor has offered a reward of \$350 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of the murder of Mrs. Teresa Mettman, at Leavenworth, on March 28.

ROBERT FISCHER, aged forty, recently took morphine at Leavenworth and died soon after. He left a wife and four children. He had used some of the funds of the Cigar Maker's Union, which he was unable to make good and so ended his troubles with morphine.

FOR some time previous to the death of Governor Nehemiah Green, the sword worn by him during his service in the Union army in the war of the rebellion had been in the keeping of Manhattan lodge No. 17, I. O. O. F. The lodge recently presented the sword to the State Historical Society, accompanied by a handsome silver plate bearing an appropriate inscription.

THE women of Edgerton, after a warm campaign at the late municipal election, succeeded in electing their ticket as follows: Mayor, Mrs. W. H. Kelly; police judge, Mrs. Thomas Greer; Council, Mrs. S. E. Ewart, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Nat Ross, Mrs. Brown.

A MAN named Jackson, owner of a sheep and cattle ranch fifteen miles southeast of Liberal, was lately fighting a prairie fire and became so excited that his neighbors induced him to mount his horse to ride home, but his animal threw him just as he started, he fell against a wire fence and a barb stuck into his temple. He got up and declared, laughingly, that he was not hurt, but spasms set in and continued for several hours when he died. He leaves a wife and two children.

FORMAL complaint has been made against John Mettman, the husband, and Mrs. Routzahn, the daughter, charging them with the murder of Mrs. Mettman, who was recently found dead and so horribly mutilated at Leavenworth. The accusation and arrest completely prostrated Mrs. Routzahn, and she was said to be physically and mentally in a critical condition.

THE other night Officers Wilson and Wellman went to arrest William Haddock, a young Topeka negro, for grand larceny. Wellman produced a warrant for his arrest and Haddock immediately raised a musket and said: "The first man that offers to cross this door is a dead man." No sooner had he said this than Wellman fired, the ball entering the negro's left breast, coming out at the back and producing a fatal wound.

THE Larned State Bank, which recently failed, has been reorganized and again resumed business.

MRS. CYNTHIA MILLER, an old settler of Wichita, died the other day at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

THERE was a bitter contest for member of the school board from the Fourth ward in Leavenworth, at the late election, and when the City Council met to canvass the vote it was discovered that the returns from the first precinct of the ward were missing, which completely changed the result. The returns had been stolen, but had not been traced up.

A LATE meeting of the board of directors of the Hutchinson, Oklahoma & Gulf railway in Chicago has resulted in pushing forward the construction of the road through Harper and Kingman Counties. It is proposed to have trains running on the new road June 1. It is reported that the road will be operated by the Union Pacific, which has long desired to control a line penetrating Southern Kansas and the Indian Territory.

THE old soldiers and citizens of Barton County at the campfire of Pap Thomas post G. A. R. in Great Bend the other day, passed resolutions favoring the more liberal issue of pensions and demanding the immediate passage of the Ingalls-Cheadle Service Pension bill without alteration or amendment.

AT a coal shaft, one mile north of Weir City, a difficulty recently occurred between Dick McIlhenny, weighman, and George Barnard, trimmer, which resulted in McIlhenny shooting Barnard twice—once in the right thigh, causing only a flesh wound, and the other time just at the lower edge of the floating rib on the left side. The wounds were serious.

THE Manhattan Bank, owned by E. B. Purcell, recently made an assignment with liabilities of \$561,000; assets not stated. Mr. Purcell was regarded as one of the wealthiest men of the State and the failure created considerable surprise. The bank is one of the oldest in the State, and the assignment was precipitated by the action of the British Land & Mortgage Company, which advertised a public sale of collateral given by Mr. Purcell to secure his obligation to the company for \$200,000 due April 1 and which he failed to pay.

HON. SAMUEL J. RANDALL.

The Distinguished Congressman on His Deathbed.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The friends of Hon. Samuel J. Randall may accept the melancholy fact that he is at death's door and that it will be little less than a miracle if he survives the next ten days.

Mr. Randall has experienced another relapse and his condition is much worse. Dr. Mallan, Mr. Randall's physician, said that the condition of his patient was very serious, although Mr. Randall was slightly better. There was a freer flow of pus from the abscess and the abscess had a healthier appearance. But this, he said, did not indicate an improvement in the patient's condition.

The remarkable thing about Mr. Randall's illness is the vitality he exhibits. He rallies surprisingly and on several occasions has astonished his physicians by his recuperative powers. His strength, however, is diminishing and, though his will power remains unabated, his physical system responds much more slowly now than it did some time ago. His mind has been clear and he has been able to move himself in bed with but little assistance. In appearance he is wasted and gaunt to a degree that makes all the more remarkable the strength which remains.

At midnight Mr. Randall's condition was about the same, but it can not be told how soon another and more serious relapse may occur.

TREASURY RAID.

A Syndicate Formed to Extract Many Millions on Account of Import Charges.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—One of the most gigantic raids ever made on the United States treasury is that which has been organized by the importers of hat trimmings, ribbons, laces, satins, silks and plushes. If the syndicate which has the scheme in charge shall be successful in its efforts, the Government will pay out of the treasury about \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 in refund of duties. The United States Supreme Court gave a decision a short time ago in the famous Edelhoff case, where a suit had been brought to secure a refund of customs duties paid at the rate of 50 per cent., which is the rate of duty on all silks, whereas they should have been taxed but 20 per cent. The Supreme Court Justices decided in favor of Edelhoff at the lower rate, and the Secretary of the Treasury accepted this decision as applying to other similar cases that the department had contested and lost. In fact, it had been tacitly understood that this was to be a test case. Importations appraised at about \$5,000,000 were involved in this decision, and the syndicate is entitled to a refund of 30 per cent. upon the amount of duties paid, which will net it over \$1,000,000.

FOUR BOYS KILLED.

Shocking Accident by Falling Rock at Webb City, Mo.

WEBB CITY, Mo., April 10.—About 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon three boys—A. D. Gammon, the son of an old and respected citizen, Ed Sovers and the son of the Widow Stone, each about fourteen years old—were digging lead ore out of the wall of an old caved in mine, when an immense slab of rock fell, burying them alive and at the same time throwing Joe Wright, who was standing on the rock watching the boys, into the bottom of the pit. Wright's arm was broken in several places and he received such internal injuries that he died in two hours. A large number of people flocked to the scene of the disaster, and many willing hands went to work to rescue the buried boys. After a five hours' battle with the rocks all three were taken out dead. Sovers' head was crushed into a shapeless mass and Gammon and Stone met death by suffocation.

THE 'CHEROKEE STRIP.

Chief Mayes Preparing a Message Advising a Sale.

VINITA, I. T., April 10.—A prominent Cherokee Indian connected with the Downing administration and a warm personal friend of Chief Mayes states that there will be a very material change of front so far as the Downing administration is concerned in dealing with the Cherokee Strip question at the coming special session of the Cherokee Legislature. What is meant by a change of front is not generally understood, but from what the informant said it may be readily inferred that Chief Mayes now favors a sale of the Strip. It is known that Chief Mayes has decided to call an extra session of the Council about May 1 and it is also a fact that he has the message nearly completed, in which a conditional sale is recommended on the ground that the Cherokees have been harassed and driven from door to door by the United States Government until their condition is bordering upon poverty.

A Boy Mangled.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 10.—Archie McCoy, living at 2018 Flora avenue, yesterday afternoon accompanied his father, a teamster, to his work near the Arkansas elevator at Sixteenth and Liberty streets. Archie wandered off to play and got on to the Santa Fe tracks where an engine was switching cars backward and forward. The first intimation the father had that something had befallen his son was an agonized shriek from the boy and he hastened to his side. The poor little fellow had got in the way of a car being backed onto a side track and was run over, losing his left leg at the body and his right arm at the elbow. His injuries will prove fatal.